

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert the following at page 1, line 2:

### **CLAIM OF FOREIGN PRIORITY**

This application is filed with a claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) to foreign application Serial No. 0218891.0, filed in the United Kingdom on 14 August 2002, and entitled “Method and Data Retention in a Data Cache and Data Storage System.”

Please delete the following on page 2, line 16:

~~It is an aim of the present invention to provide a data cache in which the write and read areas of the cache are not separated and the same area of memory can function as either write cache or read cache. Cached read data and cached write data are handled in the same contiguous areas of memory.~~

Please rewrite page 3, line 5 as follows:

Disclosure Summary of the Invention

Please insert the following on page 3 at line 6:

The present invention provides for a data cache in which the write and read areas of the cache are not separated and the same area of memory can function as either write cache or read cache. Cached read data and cached write data are handled in the same contiguous areas of memory.

Please rewrite the following on page 5, at line 21:

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments ~~Invention~~

Rewrite the paragraph at page 8, lines 17-20, as follows:

A further enhancement to the use of the ~~has-been~~ "read" flag is to timestamp the region of cached data each time it is read. Using this approach, if a data region was read a long time ago it can be treated as having lower read-retention priority so the decision can be made not to add it to the LRR list 105.

Please insert the following on page 16 at line 1:

METHOD FOR DATA RETENTION IN A DATA CACHE AND STORAGE SYSTEM